

(b) if so, whether this suggestion has been accepted and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The decision to set up the Second National Commission on Labour was taken by the Government on 24.12.1998 when the composition and terms of reference of the Commission were finalised. The resolution formally setting up the Commission was issued on 15.10.1999. However, as per the conclusions of the 35th Session of the Standing Labour Committee held on 06.02.1999, the Employers' and Employees' Organisations were requested to make available their views. In response to the communication sent to them, it was intimated by Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) that 04 out of 05 major Central Trade Union, viz., AITUC, CITU, HMS and INTUC had sent a joint letter to the Union Minister of Labour on March 15, 1999 giving suggestion for the Chairman of the Commission and also the terms of reference. The suggested terms of reference, *inter-alia*, included to comprehensively review the implementation of the recommendations of the first National Commission on Labour. Since, the terms of reference as well as the composition of the Commission had already been decided, the views received have been forwarded to the Commission for consideration while formulating their views on various issues.

Child Labour in Madhya Pradesh

†2123. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the number of child labourers in Madhya Pradesh upto the year of 1999-2000;

(b) the name of schemes introduced by State Government as well as Central Government for their rehabilitation;

(c) the names of places where such schemes has been introduced; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the details of achievements made under these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) As per the information received from Madhya Pradesh Government, the total number of Child Labourers in the year 1999-2000 is 14,894 in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

At present, National Child Labour Projects are in operation in 7 districts of Madhya Pradesh. District Child Welfare and Rehabilitation Committee and Fund have been set up in the State.

The State administration has set up a Child Labour Cell in the Office of Labour Commissioner to review, co-ordinate and oversee the functioning of the rehabilitation and welfare activities of child Labour. Public awareness and health camps have been organised in the State from time to time to create public awareness towards the problems of child labourers. Workshops on Industrial Relation and Labour Welfare have been organised at 14 industrial centres in the State and a two-day State level workshop has been organised on child labour and industrial relations.

National Child Labour Projects in 7 district of Madhya Pradesh are in operation. These districts are Bilaspur, Durg, Sarguja, Rajnandgaon, Mandasaur, Raigarh and Gwalior.

Out of the Child Labourers got freed from hazardous employments 7182 child labourers have been got admitted in schools and out of the child labourers found employed in non-hazardous employments 1580 child labourers have been admitted in informal education centre. One adult member of 1402 families each of freed child labourers from dangerous employments has been provided educational employment. District level Child Labour Rehabilitation and Welfare Committee have been registered in 40 districts and Child Labour Rehabilitation and Welfare Fund has been set up in 34 districts.